

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1623 - HB 1869

January 27, 2020

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits a candidate for public office from using campaign funds for salary payments to a member of the candidate's family unless the family member is providing bona fide services to the related candidate's campaign and the same, or substantially similar, services to at least one other candidate, person, or entity.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-10-114(b)(2)(G), a candidate for public office is currently authorized to use campaign funds for salary payments to a family member if the family member is providing bona fide services to the related candidate's campaign.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-10-114(b)(3), unlawful use of campaign funds is a Class 2 offense, punishable by a civil penalty of up to \$10,000, or 15 percent of the amount in controversy, payable to the General Fund.
- Any increase in state revenue or expenditures derived from civil penalties assessed by the Department of State is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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